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THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
KIDNAPING OF THOMAS SIMS,
APRIL 12, 1851.

UP The following Hyman was read by Rev.
John Pierpont. Its author is a truly eloquent
man. At several points in the reading the
intinctive approbation of the audience could
not be restrained, and there was a spiritual rapping
which would have done the pious master
of Sims good to feel.

HYMN—By Rev. JOHN PIERPONT.

Soul of the patriot dead,
On Bunker's height who bled!

The pile, that stands
On your long-ago'd bones—

These bones, that stand—

Should not suppress the groans,
This day demands.

For freedom they stood;
There gave the early your blood;

There found your graves;

That men of every clime—

Father, and mother, and time,

Might, through your death subdue,

Never to slay.

Over your head, so low,
Heard we not, long ago?

A voice of power,

Poaching to camp and sea,

That we, who should, be

A home for liberty,

Till Time's fast hour?

Hear ye the chains of slaves,
Now clanking round your graves?

How ye the sound

Of that iron hand, that calls

From our South seas,

Hunt down those fleeing terrors,

With hounds and hounds!

That voice your sons hath swayed?

It's heard and is obeyed!

This gloomy day,

When the world is shamed,

Of Justice's name profaned,

Of a poor bondman, chained

And borne away!

Over Virginia's springs,

Her eagles spread their wings;

Her Black Ridge savers:

They stand—conquered with awe—

Now—Who over saw,

Up there, a higher law

Than this of ours?"

Must we obey that voice?

When God or man's the choice?

Must we not stand?

HIM—No, stand;

Must we stay?

Must we lash her stroke?

And prop her throne?

Leashed her hounds, must we

Run down the poor, must we flee?

From her Hell's hell?

Great God, when to do this,

Exclude us from thy bliss;

At us let angels hiss,

From Heaven that fell!

The Hyman was well performed by a quartet,
accompanied by the organ.

THE following is the closing hymn

HYMN—By REV. THEODORE PARKER.

Sons of men who dared be free,

For Truth and right who crossed the seas;

Hide the trembling port that lies

From the land of Slaves.

Men that love your Father's name;

Who prize your Country's fame;

With a manly spirit stand;

From your native land.

Men that know the Mighty Might,

Ye who serve the Eternal Right;

Change the darkness into light;

Let it spring for all.

New's the day, and now's the hour;

See the front of Thraldom lower;

See advance the Southern power;

Chains and Slavery.

See! the kidnappers have come!

Southern chains surround your home;

Will you bear harsher doom?

Will you wear the chain?

By you seas that freely weaves,

By your Father's honored home;

Swear your fellow-men—

Not steel your fellow-man.

Men whose hearts with pity move,

Men that trust in God above;

Whom only death will lose—

Swear your Brother man.

By the Heavens whose breath you draw,

By the God whose Higher Law

Fills the Heaven of Heavens with awe—

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MR. GIDDINGS' SPEECH,

Delivered in the House of Representatives,
March 17th, 1852, upon the several Acts
of Congress which constitutes the Com-
promise, including the Fugitive Slave
Law.

The House having resolved itself into
Committee of the Whole on the State of
the Union on the Deficiency Bill, (Mr
Mead, of Virginia, in the Chair)—

MR. GIDDINGS said—

The Compromise I understand to con-
sist of a series of laws, enacted by the late
Congress, consisting first, of the law which
admits California as a State. The object
of that bill being accomplished, no attempt
to disturb it will be made.—Secondly, that
which defines the boundaries of the
Territory of New Mexico, and the
Territory of Utah, and the boundaries
of the State of Colorado.

Thirdly, that which authorizes the
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As already observed, in 1801, Con-
gress passed a law, by which the institu-
tion of slavery in this District, with its at-
tendant commerce in human flesh, was
completely abolished under Congress-
man's enactment. That law remains in
force to this day. Here, sir, under my
own observation, within our own jurisdiction,
by virtue of our own laws, man is
degraded, robbed of his intellectual en-
joyments, kept in deplorable ignorance,
and disrobed of his manhood. By virtue
of those laws he is transformed into a
chained brute, as base and like swine.—

Looking forward, as all reflecting men
must, we see that in sixty years we
shall have 20,000,000 slaves in the United
States—a greater number than our pres-
ent white population. Now, sir, if this
Federal Government is to take upon
itself the care and expense of holding in
that number of slaves, it will be bound-
ed to appoint officers to catch all who shall
hereafter attempt to regain their freedom,
and to pay the expenses of returning them
to bondage; if we are to provide territory
for them, and to maintain slave markets
for such a population, we shall find our-
selves involved in business which may well
occupy a whole lifetime.

For three years past, this law has done
very little except to legislate for slaves.
But what else can it do, when that institu-
tion shall be three times as great as it
now is? Sir, this agitation will increase
slavery increases, unless this Govern-
ment shall respect the constitutional rights
of the free States, and relieve them from
the burden of supporting all these slaves,
and of that institution which is the source
of all their misery, and of all their crime.

I have so often discussed the constitu-
tional rights of the several States respecting
slavery, that I now feel no disposition to
repeat the doctrines on which I base my
political action; but I may be per-
mitted to say, that Congress has no more
right to bestow its energies for the sup-
port of the slavery of the South, than
they have to regulate their banks, their rail-
roads, or their system of government, or
of their laws.

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